Eastview High School

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"coming together is a beginning...keeping together is progress...working together is success!"

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Perspectives from the Principal…..

Looking Ahead to Another Great School Year!

…on our continued journey to extraordinary

The 2009-2010 school year marks Eastview's thirteenth year of successfully serving students and families. The past school year has seen significant accomplishments by our students, teachers and community. The past year has also been a year of reflection, evaluation and action planning. Though Eastview continues to be recognized as one of "America's Best High Schools", we will always be a school which thrives on continuous improvement and "Educational Equity – All Students Achieving at their FULL Potential." This coming year continues to look bright as we welcome to the "Eastview Family" a new freshman class that will be met by a talented, caring staff and leadership support from our upperclassmen.

As you prepare for a new school year, we have included a number of important items in this newsletter. We are asking students and parents to spend time discussing these together. Please call, drop us an e-mail or check the Eastview Web Site http://www.district196.org/evhs for more information.

Best wishes for an exceptional school year!

Randall Peterson

Dr. Randall W. Peterson
Principal – Eastview High School

Orientation Scheduled

All freshmen, new students and their parents are invited

Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 p.m.

Orientation for incoming ninth graders, students new to EVHS and their parents will be held on Wednesday, September 2, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet teachers, tour the building to discover classrooms and resource areas, try out locker combinations, learn about cocurricular programs and meet advisors, coaches and directors. In addition, you will receive information regarding the school schedule, first day plans and other important information to begin a successful school year. There will also be a chance for everyone to purchase the latest EVHS spiritwear. You may also deposit money in lunch accounts and learn about our food service program. We are all looking forward to the first day of school and this evening will help us all arrive better prepared.

Eastview Parent Open House

Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m.

The Parent Open House is scheduled for Monday, September 14. Parents should bring a copy of their student's schedule and report to their student's first period class at 7:00 p.m. The remainder of the evening will be spent following the student's schedule and meeting teachers in their classrooms. Each teacher will make a short presentation about their curriculum, activities and expectations for their class.

Following the formal schedule, parents will have an opportunity to visit with teachers, explore the facilities and meet additional school resource people, including the guidance counselors, media specialists, nurse and administrators. We look forward to seeing you at this important event.

General Information You'll Need to Know. . . .

The First Day of School

The opening day of school at Eastview High School will be Tuesday, September 8. Students will report directly to their homerooms at the beginning of the school day (7:30 a.m.). Schedules will be handed out and important information will be shared with students to answer all questions and set the tone for the school year.

Student Schedules

Ninth graders and new students will receive their class schedules at Orientation on Wednesday, September 2. If students are not able to attend Orientation, they will receive their schedules during homeroom on Tuesday, September 8, along with all other students.

Homerooms

A page listing homerooms for 2009-2010 along with a map of the school and locker locations is included in this mailing. Please be sure to check the list to find the correct teacher and homeroom. Students will report to homeroom on the morning of the first day of school to receive important information about the first week of school.

Emergency Information Card

On the first day of school, students will be given an Emergency Information Card for the 2009-2010 school year. Students are to return the completed form to their English teacher by Thursday, September 10. The Emergency Information Card is essential so we are able to contact parents or guardians in an emergency. Students who do not return the Emergency Information Card will not be able to get medicine as needed, or attend the Welcome Back Dance or the Homecoming Dance.

Medication Approval

When your child is required to take prescription medicines at school, we request that you or your child notify the nurse for medical reasons. In addition, students frequently come to the nurse's office requesting non-prescription medicines, such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. State regulations prohibit schools from dispensing these non-prescription items without written permission from parents or legal guardians. Therefore, if you believe there might be an occasion where, in the nurse's judgment, your child should have one of these medications, it will be necessary for you to complete the Tylenol or Ibuprofen permission form and return it to EVHS. This medication permission form is printed on the Emergency Information Card. Please be assured that these medicines will not be administered without your written approval. Again, this Emergency Information Card/Medication Permission Form should be returned with your child to their English teacher by Thursday, September 10.

Daily Schedule

Period	Class Time	Lunch Shift
1	7:30 - 8:20	
2	8:25 - 9:15	
3	9:20 - 10:10	
4	10:15 - 11:10	
5		
	11:40 - 12:35	A – 11:10 – 11:40
	11:15-11:30 & 12:00-12:35	B – 11:30 – 12:00
	11:15-11:50 & 12:20-12:35	C – 11:50 – 12:20
	11:15 - 12:10	D – 12:10 – 12:40
6	12:40 - 1:30	
7	1:35 - 2:25	

Lunch

ISD 196 uses a computerized system for the payment of school meals. Deposits may be made to the student's lunch account before school in the commons, during the pre-school orientation or through the Fee Pay (Online Credit Card Payments) process which is posted on the EVHS Website Home Page. Students will receive their lunch PIN numbers during homeroom on the first day of school. Lunch prices are $2.20 for a full lunch. Many a la carte items are also available. Parents can access their child's lunch account information at www.district196.org/evhs.

Free and Reduced Price School Meals Available

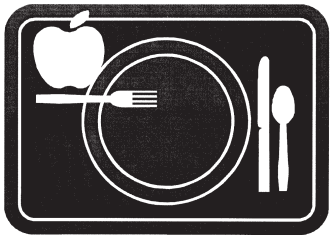
The District 196 Food and Nutrition Services Department serves nutritious meals to students each school day.

High school students can buy lunch for $2.20. Some students are eligible to receive school meals for free or at a reduced price ($.40 for lunch) based on financial need.

District 196 encourages all parents who think their child(ren) might be eligible based on the income guidelines to apply for free or reduced price school meals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Additional funding is provided for every child who is actually receiving a free or reduced price meal as part of the program. The money goes to the school and will be used to support curricular programs for students who need additional help with their studies.

To determine if your child(ren) might be eligible to receive free or reduced price school meals, please refer to the insert in the issue of **SPOTLIGHT** that will be mailed in late August. For more information, call the District 196 Food and Nutrition Services Department at 651-683-6956.



ID Cards at Eastview High School

Students should receive their ID cards in mid-September. Students will be required to have their pictures taken for this purpose. Identification cards are made available to students for a variety of reasons. Students will use ID cards to check books out of the EVHS Media Center; ID cards will be required for students to enter EVHS dances; and these cards will be for students own personal use as another source of identification. Lost ID cards can be replaced for a $5.00 fee. Students should report to the Main Office for assistance if they lose their ID card.

Attendance Call-In Voice Mail Numbers

Whenever your student is absent from school, please call the EVHS Absence Call-In Voice Mail number before 1:00 p.m. A quick call to the absence call-in number means a written note is not necessary. The absence call-in number is 651-683-6969, ext. 98677 or 98678.

Permits to Leave the Building

All schools in ISD 196 have closed campuses. To leave the EVHS building, the Attendance Office must be given written parent permission or the parent must call the Attendance Call-In Voice Mail number prior to the absence. Students must drop off their signed parent/guardian request in the Attendance Office at any time during the day, before they are scheduled to leave. EVHS does not allow students to leave during the lunch hour and attendance in scheduled study halls is mandatory.

School Supply List Not Published

Eastview High School does not publish a school supply list for students. Each classroom teacher will have different supply expectations for their class, so students must determine the best organizational methods for their academic success, however any student who has registered for any Algebra II class or above for the 2009-2010 school year should purchase a graphing calculator prior to September 8. We recommend any of the Texas Instruments TI 83 or TI 84 model graphing calculators (approximate cost $90). We do not recommend the TI-85 or TI 86.

Geometry and Algebra I students should have a scientific calculator (approximate cost $10). These calculators can be purchased at any electronics store (Best Buy, Target, Office Max, etc.). We recommend that you purchase your calculator before school begins in September.

Locks for PE Courses

All students taking a PE course at EVHS need to provide a lock to secure their belongings in the PE locker rooms.

Property Identification

Police Liaison Officer Baird suggests that students engrave their name on any expensive property that will be brought onto the EVHS school campus (e.g. calculators, etc.). This will further discourage theft. Officer Baird will have an engraver available for students who would like their property marked. Parents are highly encouraged to remind their learners that cell phones, MP3 players, IPods and other electronic devices are not allowed in EVHS's academic wing. Electronic devices have the potential to interrupt classroom instruction and student learning. Officer Baird's office is located in the Student Services Office area.

Eastview High School Designated as a Safe Zone

Safe Zones are areas within one block or three hundred feet of a school or park. Minnesota law provides increased penalties for anyone who is found selling or in possession of illegal drugs or dangerous weapons in a Safe Zone.

The administration at Eastview High School and Doug Baird, Police Liaison Officer, would like to ask all students and parents to report any suspicious behavior. With the support of the students and community, Eastview High School will provide a safe, positive and orderly learning environment.

Parking Permits

The School Board has determined that a $90.00 per semester parking fee will be charged for each parking permit issued to a student in ISD 196 high schools. Due to anticipated limited parking space, a priority parking policy and lottery system will be in place. A Parking Permit Form must be completed and returned to EVHS by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25 in order to be eligible for a permit for Semester 1. The form is included in this mailing. First priority for permits will be given to Seniors who have turned in a completed form by the August 25 deadline. Second priority will be given to Juniors who have a completed form turned in by the August 19 deadline. (If the number exceeds 450, a random lottery will be conducted.) Permits for those who are eligible may be picked up and paid for September 1 - September 3 at the Attendance Office between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

If any of the 450 permits still remain after the Seniors and Juniors have been selected, then Sophomores and any Senior or Junior who has not met the August 19 deadline will be considered for a random drawing of remaining spaces. **It is highly unlikely that anyone in this category will receive a permit.**

Second Semester permits will be sold during January in a similar format to the Fall. Students with any outstanding fees or fines will not be allowed to purchase a parking permit.

A one-day parking permit will also be available at a cost of $4.00 per day. An attendant will patrol the parking lot. All cars parked on EVHS property must carry an EVHS parking permit or are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

Students parking illegally (in the north lot or bus lot; in reserved, handicapped or visitor parking spaces; blocking the lanes; in unauthorized areas; etc.) will be fined from $15 to $200 (towing charge) and their parking permit may be confiscated and/or the car may be towed.

Lost or stolen parking tags will not be replaced! Students must purchase another tag.

Freshmen Required to Purchase Eastview Student Planner

All students can benefit from the EVHS Student Planner

Teachers in the 9th grade Core Programs require that every freshman student have an Eastview Student Planner. We believe this tool will help each student's transition into high school and help meet the demands that accompany the high school experience. Teachers in the 9th grade Core Program will be talking with students about time management and will be asking students to keep track of assignments, tests, projects and other due dates in the planner. Students will also learn the benefits of goal setting and prioritizing tasks to accomplish their goals.

The Eastview Student Planner will be sold during Ninth Grade and New Student Orientation on September 3. The planner sells for $10.00 and is available to any student of Eastview High School, while supplies last, but is required for all 9th graders. Indeed, all students can benefit from effective time management and goal setting.

Hazing and Harassment

Hazing and harassment of other students at Eastview High School is against District 196 policy. Students found to be hazing or harassing others will be dealt with according to the District's Student's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook that each family receives from the District Office in August 2008.

Harassment can be defined as participating in or conspiring with others to engage in acts or actions that cause physical or mental harm; which may intimidate, degrade or disgrace any person regardless of intent or consent. Hazing is defined as committing an act against or coercing a student into committing an act that creates substantial risk of harm or holds a student up to ridicule in order for that student to be initiated into or affiliated with a student organization, group or club.

Homecoming Traditions and Attire

Homecoming week (September 20-26) is a tradition-filled week of activities, athletic events, pepfests and a dance. EVHS will continue its tradition of community-building by strongly encouraging our students to engage in positive activities. Homecoming week is a spirited week of fun that all students thoroughly enjoy.

The 09-10 Homecoming Dance will be held in the EVHS Commons on Saturday, September 26 from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Because students and parents are always concerned about attire for the dance, we are offering suggestions based on previous semi-formal Homecoming traditions at Eastview. We suggest that boys wear dress slacks, tie and a dress shirt (with or without a suit or sport coat). Some girls do wear more formal attire, but it's also OK to wear dress-up skirts, dresses or pants. Attending with a group of friends, with or without dates, is common. Some students choose to go out to dinner prior to the dance, but a BBQ, a spaghetti feed or a pizza party with a group of friends before the dance is another option. We encourage parents to work together to offer a safe, appropriate Homecoming evening for their students.

Parents Are Key

Parents Are Key (PAK) is a group of EVHS parents whose goal is to foster a "community spirit" that results in positive life choices. During the 2009-2010 school year PAK is asking for your help to implement their action plan of:

1. Support and help educate the EVHS community in the areas of safe, age appropriate social activities;
2. Help plan parent education and support opportunities;
3. Promote volunteering at EVHS and in our community.

If you are interested in helping foster a community spirit, PAK's Recruitment Night is Monday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. in the EVHS Career Center. PAK contact is Paula Zeilon (952-423-7142).

PAK Information Night

The annual meeting for all PAK members will be Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the EVHS Career Center area. PAK members as well as all interested EVHS Parents and Community members are invited to join us and discuss plans for the 2009-2010 school year.

Volunteer leaders are needed in the following areas: data entry, Welcome Desk, Career Center, Media Center, Lightning Cafe and community service.

Please join us. Your input is valuable as we continue our tenth year of involvement at EVHS. For more information, please call Paula Zeilon (952-423-7142).

Perspectives on Parenting

Perspectives on Parenting is a series of presentations focused on helping parents successfully raise and educate their teenagers. The series, outlined in the flyer included in this mailing, is a collaboration between EVHS's Student Services and EVHS's **Parents Are Key (PAK)** organization. EVHS will also be collaborating with Apple Valley High School, Falcon Ridge Middle School and Scott Highlands Middle School this year in order to reach more parents. Several of the Perspectives on Parenting meetings will take place at Falcon Ridge Middle School on Johnny Cake Ridge Road and McAndrews Road in Apple Valley. Questions may be directed to Kim Martinson, Assistant Principal at 952-431-8918 or at Kim.Martinson@district196.org.

Volunteers Needed

Over 3000 hours of volunteer time were contributed during the school day at Eastview High School during the 2008-2009 school year. EVHS continues to expand its Volunteer Program for the 2009-2010 school year. All volunteers currently signed up, and all those who are new, need to sign up again for the upcoming school year so we can update our database. Volunteers are needed specifically at the Welcome Desks, in the Career Center, the Media Center, various clerical jobs, telephoning, and decorating display cases. All previous and new volunteers are asked to fill out the Volunteer Registration form which is included in this mailing and return it to Kim Martinson c/o Eastview High School, 6200 140th Street West, Apple Valley, MN 55124.